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1. WILSON ARROYO TOLD CONSUL GENERAL AND COMMERCIAL OFFICER IN MEETING OF DECEMBER 30, THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO KEEP US REGULARLY INFORMED OF US TUNA BOATS WHICH PURCHASE LICENSES BETWEEN NOW AND END OF HEAVIEST FISHING SEASON SOMETIME IN MARCH. HE SAID NOTIFICATIONS WOULD TAKE FORM OF PHONE CALL AT INITIATIVE OF HIS SECRETARY DORA PALMA WITH DATA ON LICENSE APPLICATIONS WE DESIRE. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD BE MORE EXPEDITIOUS THAN PUTTING EVERYTHING IN WRITING. WE AGREED. HE ALSO CONSENTED TO BRING US UP TO DATE ON LICENSES PURCHASED SINCE LAST DATA OBTAINED AS OF DECEMBER 10.

2. RE DATA ON FOREIGN VESSELS, WE INDICATED DESIRE TO LEARN NUMBER WHICH HAD PURCHASED LICENSES IN 1975 AND FROM WHICH COUNTIRES. ARROYO REPLIED THAT JAPANESE WERE BIGGEST CUSTOMERS, BUT SUGGESTED WE ASK EMBASSY TO GET DATA FROM MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN QUITO TO WHICH HE HAD SENT A FULL REPORT. (FYI: ARROYO, CAUTIOUS AS EVER, SEEMED TO BE SAYING THAT HE RELUCTANT

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TO GIVE US THIS DATA ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY - SO WHY DID-

N'T WE GO TO HEADQUARTERS WHERE IT WOULD BE SO MUCH
EASIER?). HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE US AND PANAMANIAN VESSELS
SEIZED LAST FEBRUARY WERE THE ONLY ONES THAT HAD CAUSED THEM
ANY TROUBLE.

3. AS PER PARA 1, WE BELIEVE WE ACHIEVED MAIN OBJEC-
TIVE AND WILL KEEP IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH DIRECCION
DE PESCA TO OBTAIN DATA NOW AUTHORIZED BY ARROYO FOR
OUR USE.
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